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Subject: Fw: Update - Fire / R5 / East Texas Ag Services – Notification of Significant Incident
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Update: SWS has arrived on scene. The air monitoring equipment is estimated to be on scene in 30 minutes. There was an evacuation zone of 5 blocks. Monitoring plan is to begin monitoring at the edge of the 5 block evacuation zone and to work in toward the facility. EPA and their contractors are also en route and are expected to arrive in the next 30 minutes.

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Notification Status : Update

General Incident Information

Type of Incident: Fire

Date: 05/29/2014

Time Incident Started: Fire Department notified at 1743

Time TCEQ Notified: Discovered on the local news at 1800



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TCEQ Region: **Region 5 - Tyler**

Responsible Party (RP)/Regulated Entity Information/Incident Location

RP/Regulated Entity Name: East Texas Ag Services

RN Number (if available):

Street Address: 417 N. Underwood

City: Athens

County: Henderson

RP Contact Name and Information: Ken McGee (903) 681-2055

Specific Incident Information

Description of Event/Cause: Fire at Fertilizer Blending Facility

Material Released: Building contained 70 tons of ammonium nitrate and 75,000-100,000 lbs. of pot ash

Amount Released (estimated):

Affected Media: Air

Injuries or Fatalities: None

Other Risks: Evacuation of 5 blocks of nearby businesses residences

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Current Response

TCEQ Response: On scene

TCEQ Responder Name and Contact Information: Leroy Biggers (903)355-1549

Incident Commander Name and Contact Information: Jon McCrary (903) 817-269-3094

Emergency Response Contractor Information: SWS/OMI Environmental/CTEH

Other Federal, State, or Local Authorities on Site: DPS, Athens PD, Athens FD, John Phillips - Union Pacific. Murchison FD, Brownsboro FD, North 19 FD assisted in the evacuation.

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Other Pertinent Information, If Available

Weather: Warm, sunny

Wind Direction: North/Northeast

Potentially Impacted Receptors: Nearby residences and businesses

Other: Fire department has not put anything on the fire. They have been letting it burn itself out to avoid creating fumes. Currently, there is not an active flame, but the remains are smoldering. Contractors are en route from Kilgore to perform air monitoring.

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